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1. DCM TOOK OCCASION OF OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED BY CALL ON ANOTHER SUBJECT TO REVIEW WITH MFA DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION VAN GORHOM US PRELIMINARY THINKING ON 24TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL AND FUTURE OF UNDP ON BASIS OF REFTEL.
2. VAN GORKOM SAID GON ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS UNDP SESSION AND IF NEW GOVERNMENT WERE FORMED BY JULY, MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WOULD ATTEND; IF NOT VAN GORKOM WOULD REPRESENT THE NETHERLANDS. DUTCH HOPED OTHER GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL. IN ANY EVENT DUTCH WERE AT WORK ON MAJOR POLICY SPEECH COVERING MANY OF SAME POINTS WITH WHICH US WAS CONCERNED.
3. VAN GORKOM SAID DUTCH WISHED THAT UNDP COULD BECOME SOMETHING MORE THAN ORGANIZATION SIMPLY DISPENSING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND COULD OPERATE ON BASIS OF DISTINCT POLICY OF ITS OWN. HE RECOGNIZED THAT SIXTH AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSIONS HAD MADE

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A START ON THIS BUT MORE WAS NEEDED. DUTCH WERE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT UNDP SHOULD NOW BEGIN TO CONCENTRATE ON POOREST COUNTRIES, PERHAPS MAKING MORE TECHNICALLY ADVANCED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NET CONTRIBUTORS. DUTCH WERE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT IMPROVED COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITH SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, WHERE THEY HAD BEEN PLEASED TO NOTE A REAL IMPROVEMENT UNDER BRADFORD MORSE. VAN GORKOM SIAD HE HAD BEEN PLEASED BY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES REMARKS IN GENEVA ON THIS SUBJECT
AND CRITIZIED FAO FOR ITS EFFORTS TO DISSOCIATE ITSELF FROM UN
SYSTEM.

4. DUTCH BELIEVED POSITION OF UNDP RESREP SHOULD BE STRENGTH-
ENED AND EFFORT MADE TO RAISE QUALITY OF INDIVIDUALS SELECTED
SO THAT RESREP WOULD IN EFFECT REPRESENT ENTIRE UN SYSTEM,
INCLUDING BANK AND FUND. DUTCH ALSO SAW ADVANTAGE FROM STADNPOINT
OF FACILITATING FINANCING OF HAVING SINGLE UN FUND FOR ALL DEVEL-
OPMENT PURPOSE. ONLY OBVIOUS EXCEPTION WOULD BE UNICEF WHICH HAD
SPECIAL REASONS TO MAINTAIN ITS INDEPENDENCE.

5. RESPECTING FUTURE MACHINERY DUTCH HAD NOT REACHED ANY
CONCLUSIONS, ALTHOUGH THEY CONCEDED NEED TO RPROVIDE SOME BACK
UP FOR GOVERNING COUNCIL.

6. WHILE NOT DISPOSED TO DISCARD COUNTRY PROGRAMS IT WAS IMPORTANT
TO INCREASE AMONG AVAILABLE FOR INTER-COUNTRY PROGRAMS, WHETHER
GLOBAL, REGIONAL OR SUB-REGIONAL, SINCE EXPERIENCE HAD SHOWN SUCH
PROGRAMS PLAYED CATALYTIC ROLE OF SIGNIFICANCE FAR BEHOND THEIR
DIMENSION. FINALLY VAN GORKOM SUGGESTED THAT UNDP MIGHT LOOK
TO SOME EXTENT TO IMMEDIATE NEEDS RATHER THAN EXCLUSIVELY LONG
TERM DEVELOPMENT, PERHAPS MAKING SOME LIMITED RESOURCES
AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES.
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